

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of the claims in the Application. With reference to the listing it is noted that, herewith, claims 16-20 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A service provision method ~~of providing, via the Internet, a service to an apparatus to which a first network and a second network are connected~~, comprising:

~~a first acquisition step of acquiring~~ before shipment of a terminal apparatus a host address of the terminal apparatus [[,]] as connected to ~~the~~ a first network, ~~before the apparatus is connected to the second network;~~

~~a second acquisition step of acquiring~~ owner information of the terminal apparatus;

~~a third acquisition step of acquiring~~ a network address of ~~the~~ a second network in accordance with the acquired owner information ~~acquired at the second acquisition step~~ from a database storing the network address of the second network and the owner information of the terminal apparatus;

~~a fourth acquisition step of acquiring~~ after shipment of the terminal apparatus, when a signal is transmitted from the terminal apparatus via the second network, a host address and a network address of a sending side included in the signal;

determining the host address of the terminal apparatus acquired before shipment of the terminal apparatus and the acquired network address of the second network to coincide with the host address and the network address acquired after shipment of the terminal apparatus; and

~~a provision step of providing the a service, via the Internet, to the terminal apparatus via the second network in the case in which the host address acquired in said first acquisition step and the network address acquired in said third acquisition step coincide with the host address and the network address acquired in said fourth acquisition step.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The service provision method according to claim 16, wherein, in acquiring before shipment of the terminal apparatus the host address of the terminal apparatus ~~said first acquisition step~~, the host address of the terminal apparatus connected to the first network in an apparatus factory is acquired.

18. (Currently Amended) The service provision method according to claim 16, wherein, in acquiring the network address of the second network ~~said third acquisition step~~, a part of the network address of the second network is acquired from an Internet service provider for connecting the second network to the Internet.

19. (Currently Amended) The service provision method according to claim 16, wherein, in acquiring the network address of the second network ~~said third acquisition step~~, a part of the network address of the second network is acquired from a DNS server.

20. (Currently Amended) A service provision apparatus ~~for providing, via the Internet, a service to an apparatus to which a first network and a second network are connected~~, comprising:

~~reception means which receives data via the Internet; and~~

~~provision means which provides the service, via the Internet, to the apparatus via the second network;~~

a processor configured to:

~~wherein said reception means receives~~ acquire before shipment of a terminal apparatus a host address of the terminal apparatus [[,]] as connected to the a first network, before the apparatus is connected to the second network;

acquire owner information of the terminal apparatus [[,]] ;

acquire and a network address of the a second network in accordance with the received acquired owner information of the apparatus from a database storing the network address of the second network and the owner information of the terminal apparatus, and;

~~wherein when said reception means receives~~ acquire after shipment of the terminal apparatus, when a signal is transmitted from the terminal apparatus via the second network, said provision means determines whether or not the host address of the apparatus as connected to the first network and the network address of the second network coincide with the a host address and the a network address of a sending side included in the signal [[,]] ;

determine the host address of the terminal apparatus acquired before shipment of the terminal apparatus and the acquired network address of the second network to coincide with the host address and the network address acquired after shipment of the terminal apparatus; and

provides provide the a service, via the Internet, to the terminal apparatus via the second network in the case in which the host address of the apparatus as connected to the first network

~~and the network address of the second network coincide with the host address and the network~~
~~address of the sending side.~~